

Warden Message – Extraordinary Soccer Match

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The Warden Message alerts U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Buenos Aires to possible disturbances related to an important soccer match. On Sunday June 26th at 1500 hrs, soccer clubs River Plate and Belgrano from Córdoba will play a match at River Plate Stadium in Buenos Aires. The match is expected to conclude at about 1630 hrs.

There will be a heavy police presence and some 50,000 fans are expected at the game. The police will begin closing roads in the area at about 1100 hrs and heavy road congestion should be expected for many hours following the game as River fans may remain in the streets after the match in the immediate area or other areas throughout Buenos Aires. Significant traffic delays can be expected on Libertador and General Paz, as well as other roads in the area.

Local media have reported that more than 600 individuals have clashed with riot police at the River Plate stadium in recent days in advance of Sunday's match. Other disturbances have been reported in Córdoba. Given the stakes, this soccer game will be an emotionally charged event for a large number of fervent River fans. Depending on the outcome, the situation could get out of hand and hooligans may confront police and/or destroy property.

Even demonstrations/gatherings that are meant to be peaceful can become violent and unpredictable. You should avoid them if at all possible. Be alert and aware of your surroundings and pay attention to what the local news media has to say.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the [U.S. Embassy website](#). You can also get global updates at the U.S. Department of State's, [Bureau of Consular Affairs website](#) where you can find the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information. If you don't have internet access, we have a call center for updates--1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada, or outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444.

Americans living or traveling in Argentina are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy in Buenos Aires through the Embassy website. The U.S. Embassy is located at Avenida Colombia 4300 in the Palermo neighborhood of Buenos Aires (near the Plaza Italia stop on the "D" line subway). The main Embassy switchboard telephone is (54) (11) 5777-4533. Recorded consular information, including instructions on whom to contact in case of an American citizen emergency, is available at tel. (54) (11) 4514-1830. The main Embassy fax is (54) (11) 5777-4240. The Consular Section fax is (54) (11) 5777-4293. The Consular Section is open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except on American and Argentine holidays. Additional information on Embassy services is available by e-mail: BuenosAires-ACS@state.gov. For the latest security information, Americans living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet website.

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